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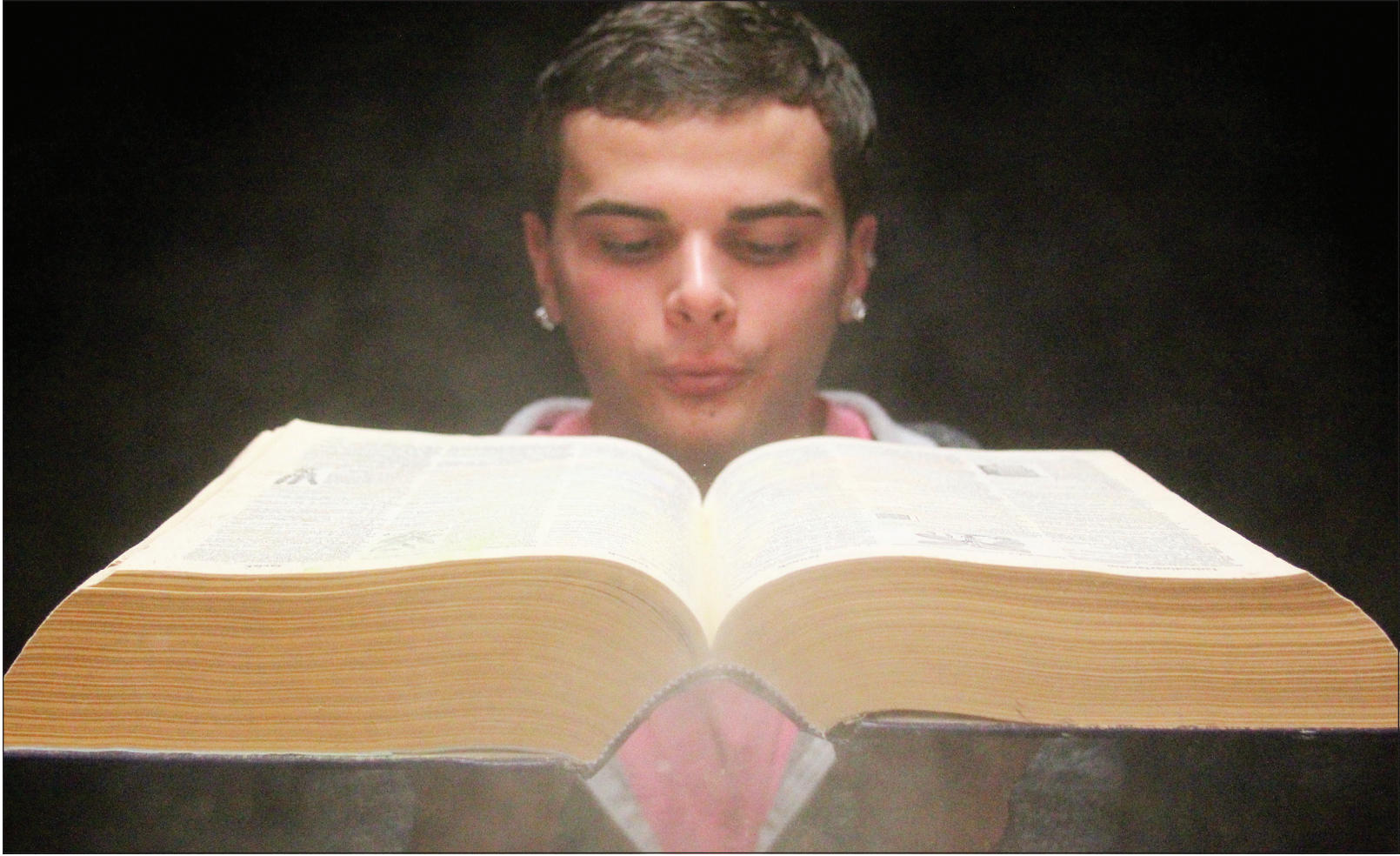


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Some Maryville ordinances raise the question of what happened to trigger their existence and whether or not they should have passed on with the years that produced them.

## Maryville laws range from just to obscure

**LAUREN MCCOY**  
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After opening the faded cover of the Maryville ordinances from over a century ago, it took all of 15 minutes before coming across a law that required a double take. From there stemmed an array of laws more apt

for the 19th century.

Every city has its share of strange laws, and Maryville is no exception. As early as 1882, the law declared activities such as being found intoxicated in any road, street or alley, playing ball on any public street alley and minors jumping on any stationary or moving car illegal.

To freshman Katie Shrewberry, these laws seem too weird to be true.

“First, I laughed,” Shrewberry said. “Second, I think that’s probably a good thing in Maryville. It’s a college town, and people can be kind of crazy. For everyone’s safety I think it’s a good thing, but it makes me laugh and think about what hap-

pened that made that become a law in the first place.”

That line of thought could lend itself to several laws in effect in Maryville today. A majority of laws are not out of the ordinary, and their placement does not raise questions.

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## Testing shows illegal drugs not issue in school district

**LAUREN MCCOY**  
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Random drug testing in the Maryville School District reveals illegal drugs are not an issue within the student population.

The announcement that random drug testing would take place in the Maryville School District brought mixed reactions at the beginning of the school year.

However, halfway through the year, Assistant Superintendent Steve Klotz believes the policy is achieving what the administration hoped it would.

Discussion for random drug testing of students grades seven through 12 began in fall of 2010 and was implemented at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

Students are required to submit their name into a pool for random drug testing in order to participate in any program regulated by the Missouri State High School Activities Association and/or park on school grounds. Since the testing began, the district has not encountered problems, according to Klotz.

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Senior Mel Peitzmeier cannon balls into the freezing waters of Colden Pond at last years Colden Pond Plunge Feb. 22. Money raised for the plunge goes to St. Jude.

## Students sacrifice warmth raising money for St. Jude

**KILEY WILLIAMS**  
Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

Northwest students prepare to make their annual jump into the freezing waters of Colden Pond to raise money for cancer treatments.

Each year Northwest holds the Colden Pond Plunge to raise donations for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital located in Memphis, Tenn.

The goal of St. Jude is to work to find a cure and to prevent cancer and other serious diseases in children.

Since 1962, the survival rate of cancer patients has increased drastically. For instance, Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia now has a 94 percent survival rate.

The hospital requires \$1.8 million daily to operate. These costs are covered solely by donations.

There are approximately 7,800 patients seen at St. Jude annually. Families of the children never pay for the treatments.

“Knowing how many lives St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital has saved motivates my executive board and me to raise awareness for

this cause every day.” Katelyn Bridges, the executive director for St. Jude’s Up ‘til Dawn, said.

St. Jude’s Up ‘til Dawn has a booth open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Feb. 21 set up on the second floor of J.W. Jones Student Union.

Last year Up ‘til Dawn raised approximately \$2,000. The organization has already accepted more than \$1,000. The organization is hoping to raise twice as much as last year.

There are a total of 18 students signed up to take the plunge, including Bridges and Bobby Bearcat.

“I’ve been involved with Up ‘til Dawn for three years now, and truly support the missions for the hospital,” Bridges said. “I am so thankful that our campus has the power to make a difference and help raise money for such a great cause.”

St. Jude’s Up ‘til Dawn works to have a fundraiser every month for this cause. Colden Pond Plunge is the largest fundraiser Up ‘til Dawn organizes. The event is 2 p.m. Feb. 22 at Colden Pond.

## End of year job increase leaves state optimistic

**JOSH PHILLIPS**  
Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

Since the fluctuation of unemployment rates in recent years, Missouri residents can be optimistic about the newest unemployment rate, which is down from recent years.

As of December 2012, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the Missouri unemployment rate as 6.7 percent. Since the 2010 census reported Maryville with a population of 11,972, the city has 4.4 percent unemployment, according to the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

“If you take a look back at the national recession of 2008 to 2009, Missouri has been better off that whole time,” director of communications of the Missouri Department of Economic Development John Fougere said. “Missouri has had lower than the national unemployment rate for 40 consecutive months. The national recession did not hit Missouri as hard as other states.”

Fougere said that 2,900 jobs were created for Missouri’s manufacturing industry and was a major factor of the 10,200 jobs created in December.

“Our balanced budgets, trained workforce and pro-growth policies make Missouri one of the best places in the nation to invest and create jobs,” Gov. Jay Nixon said to automotive manufacturers in Detroit during the annual North American International Auto Show Jan. 16. “I am committed to building

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## Campus members mourn, remember former teacher following sudden death

**TORI BAIGI**  
Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

The Northwest community remembers a retired English professor and the impact he had on many hearts.

Dr. Bruce Litte died of a heart attack Jan. 20 at the age of 69 at St. Francis Hospital. Litte retired in 2012 after 32 years at Northwest.

Professor Jeffrey Loomis, a former coworker and long-time friend of Litte’s, described him as a man of kindness. Loomis said Litte welcomed friends and coworkers into his heart and home willingly throughout the years.

“He had a lovely home, and he had no objection to opening it up to others,” Loomis said. “He had a lot of kindness to-



BRUCE LITTE

wards a lot of people.”

Litte often hosted dinner parties with many people and even more food. Parties for the English department or graduate students were often hosted at his house. Loomis described him as “the host with the most.”

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# Students raise funds for philanthropic trip

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Alternative Spring Break is helping students give valentines, so students can travel to New York and give their time.

For this year's ASB trip to New York students, will assist victims of Hurricane Sandy.

All money raised from ASB's Valentine candy grams will go toward the \$900 per student fees for this year's trip.

Students in ASB are responsible for raising 100 percent of the cost for the trip, and though the cost is higher than previous years, Amy Nally, director of volunteer services and civic engagement, said ASB is something every student should experience.

"It develops a student holis-

tically, and it gives a student the opportunity to have a hands-on, high-impact, high educational experience that they wouldn't have the same opportunity getting within a classroom," Nally said. "But then it gives them that sense of satisfaction and gratification by giving back and working with others. I mean, doing community service; there's no greater satisfaction than that."

Nally chose New York for ASB's destination before Hurricane Sandy. Their project has since been adjusted, and students will work with homeless and displaced children affected by the storm through the program, Youth Service Opportunities Project.

ASB's candy grams fundraiser is one of many the group does. Tomorrow is the last day to order, and the grams are \$2 a piece.

# Club competes in national livestock judging contest

JOSHUA PHILLIPS  
Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

The Northwest Livestock Judging team traveled to Denver for one of their biggest livestock judging competitions earlier this month.

Northwest was among 48 total college teams at the National Western Livestock Show in Denver. Five students were allowed for each team. Northwest students went to the competition and were coached by Callie Walker.

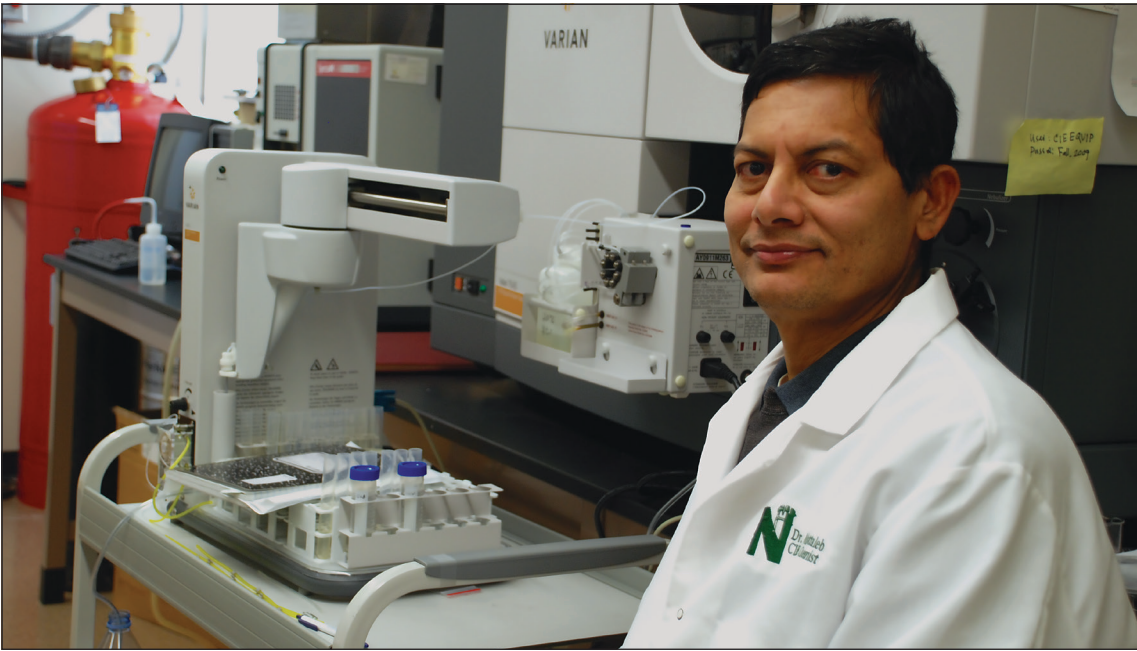
"There's a high quality of animals in the contests where the students are on their own, and they take what I taught them and apply it to the contests," Walker said. "(The students) can move forward in life to be able to interview and network with others."

Walker said that the competition in Denver featured high qual-

ity animals from the lower 48 states. There were different animals at the competition, including sheep, bulls, hogs, cows and other animals. After the college teams ranked each class of animals, they were to explain to the judges why they ranked these animals.

"We were all excited to go look at different livestock and to judge cattle, sheep, goats and livestock from all over the United States," senior Bailey Marriott said. "This was an excellent networking opportunity to have students from across the nation be there."

The team will travel to Lubbock, Texas for the 2013 National Agricultural College and Teachers Association Judging Conference April 3. The livestock judging season ends in December for the team.



LAUREN RICHARDSON | NW MISSOURIAN

M. Abdul Mottaleb, an analytical chemist at the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneursip, co-edited a book Jan. 2 with Springer Publishing Company. Mottaleb spent 15 months working on the five chapters he authored.

# Northwest chemist publishes book

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A Northwest analytical chemist is the co-editor of a new book with other editors from across the globe.

M. Abdul Mottaleb, an analytical chemist at the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, published a book Jan. 2 with Springer Publishing Company.

The textbook, "Photobiogeochemistry of Organic Matter: Principles and Practices in Water Environments," gives a comprehensive account of photo and biological process of key biogeochemical functions and their interrelations in the aquatic environment.

"Environmental chemistry is a big term. Water, air, soil, sediment and biosphere are all within envi-

ronmental chemistry," Mottaleb said. "This book focuses mainly on the principle and practice in a water environment."

Mottaleb said the book can be used at the graduate and undergraduate level, but this is the first book on photobiogeochemistry aimed at the undergraduate level.

Mottaleb said this was about a 15-month project for him. He co-wrote five of the book's 10 chapters with editors from China, Japan and Italy.

This is not the first writing Mottaleb has done. He wrote a chapter in "Natural Products Isolation, Methods and Protocols," which was published last year. He has also written more than 50 articles that have appeared in scientific journals.

Moving forward, Mottaleb is working on another book on solid

phase microextraction with Mohammed Meziani, a Northwest assistant chemistry professor. Mottaleb said his main focus is his work with students.

"I'm strongly engaged with student research and my main goal is student success," Mottaleb said. "I have concentrated all my focus to the success of students every day."

Before coming to Northwest, Mottaleb served as a research scientist at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, a research associate with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and a chemistry professor at Rajshahi University in Bangladesh.

Visit springer.com to find a copy of Mottaleb's book, "Photobiogeochemistry of Organic Matter: Principles and Practices in Water Environments."

# Series of student plays premieres Friday in Black Box Theater

THOMAS DRESSLAR  
Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

Three theater students will get a chance to show off their directing talents this weekend, each solely in charge of their own comedy production.

The Black Box Showcase is put on every year to give theater students the chance to experience the joy and frustration that may come with directing a theatrical production.

"Most of us who are directing have gotten pretty lucky with our cast and have great people to work with, so while it's stressful sometimes, I think we'll get it done," junior Kelsey Bowers said.

Bowers is directing the final play of the evening "Boy Meets Girl: A Young Love Story" by Sam Wolfson.

"Boy Meets Girl:" is a comedy

that deals with various aspects of an adult relationship through the eyes of kindergarten students.

"Really what I want the audience to get from the play is to have fun with life and don't take it too seriously," Bowers said.

Each potential student director goes through an application process with the faculty. During the process they present a proposal that outlines what play they are choosing and why they should direct it. The directors of this year's showcase were chosen last year.

The first play of the night will be "The Drunken Sisters" by Thornton Wilder and is directed by junior Helen Strotman.

"The Drunken Sisters" is an adaptation of an ancient Greek story of the three sisters of fate who are tricked by the Greek god Apollo into doing his bidding.

"I chose this play because it's written by Thornton Wilder and my favorite play, Our Town, was written by him as well," Strotman said. "I just chose something I knew I would want to do no matter what other options were presented."

The second play of the night will be "Wanda's Visit" by Christopher Durang and is directed by Dana Masters. It tells the story of an average married couple whose lives are flipped upside down when an ex-girlfriend comes into the picture.

Tickets to the show are \$3 and are available at the door on a first-come, first serve basis before the show begins at 7:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday in the Black Box Theatre. The Black Box Theatre is located on the lower level of the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.

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Valentine's Day Candy Grams	Board of Regents Meeting 2 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
Art exhibit: John Y. Chang: "Encounters of Space" Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Fraternity Bid Day 3 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
Mandatory ALL student teachers' campus seminars	Cardio Challenge/Ab-Vantage 4:30 p.m. at Maryville Community Center
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Senior Circuit Training 9 a.m. at Maryville Community Center	Phi Mu Alpha—Smoker 5:30 p.m. at Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
Chair Yoga 10 a.m. at Maryville Community Center	Theatre Northwest Lab Series Spring Black Box Showcase 7:30 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts
Java with Jazz 11 a.m. at Everett W. Brown Education Hall	
Saturday, April 7	Sunday, April 8
Valentine's Day Candy Grams	Women's Basketball vs. Emporia State 1:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
Art exhibit: John Y. Chang: "Encounters of Space" Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Men's Basketball vs. Emporia State 3:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
Groundhog Day	Theatre Northwest Lab Series Spring Black Box Showcase 7:30 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts
Tower Choir Retreat Kickboxing 8:15 a.m. at Maryville Community Center	
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A house on West Sixth Street deemed unsafe is an example of vacant properties that the city is focusing on removing.

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# Vacancies become main focus

**THOMAS DRESSLAR**  
Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

After a busy year of taking down numerous crumbling, vacant properties in Maryville, the city will look to demolish several more dangerous structures in 2013.

According to Maryville city code, if a property is deemed unsafe or dangerous by code inspectors, the city can get that property removed with the cooperation of the property owner or the city can go ahead and demolish and asses that property.

“Since February of last year, 10 structures have been removed from the community, seven of those com-

ing from direct city involvement, with the other three coming from property owner investments into the community,” City Manager Greg McDaniel said.

The city’s efforts were so well received among residents that the Maryville City Council has budgeted another \$75,000 to take down more dilapidated structures.

“We anticipate that if we had to pay, as a city, to remove those structures, we could potentially eliminate eight to 10 more dangerous structures in the community this year,” said McDaniel.

When dealing with property owners, the city must go through

the Board of Code of Appeals and Maryville City Council if the structure must come down, and the property owners are not willing to fund the demolition.

“They decide if removing that structure increases safety in the neighborhood, removes blight and improves appearance overall,” McDaniel said.

Along with the \$75,000 going to unsafe property removal, the city discussed going forward with a City Development Block Grant that could provide another \$125,000 toward home demolition.

Four of the structures removed last year were along Main Street.

# School district receives thousands in donations

**THOMAS DRESSLAR**  
Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

The Maryville R-II Educational Foundation has recently donated thousands of dollars to the Maryville R-II School District for various projects, including scholarships for graduating high school seniors and mini grants for teachers.

The foundation has received over \$100,000 in donations for the school district since its creation in 2005 and uses that money to improve Maryville schools in any way possible.

“The foundation was put in place to develop relationships with alumni and our community in terms of creating financial opportunities for the district,” said Steve Klotz, president of the foundation and assistant superintendent of the Maryville R-II School District.

If people choose to donate, they can designate their donation to be used in a specific area, such as performing arts, athletics or district technology. There is also the option

of making a general donation to the foundation, to be used where the need arises.

The most recent donation has been from the family of Dave Thompson, the co-owner of Gray’s Truck Stop & Restaurant, who passed away in late December. His family chose the Maryville Education Foundation as the organization for people attending his funeral to designate their donations.

“The Thompson family has donated between \$2,500 and \$3,000, but we will meet with them first before deciding where that money will go,” Klotz said..

The foundation will also host its fifth annual silent auction later this spring, but will feature a morning golf tournament instead of the elimination dinner that occurred the previous four years.

Northwest head football coach Adam Dorrel and Maryville Spoofhound football coach Matt Webb will headline the event, which will be held April 27th.



Northwest Cheerleaders for the Special Olympics cheer on basketball players.

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# Group home sends players to represent Northwest region in Special Olympics

**ALEX RASH**  
Associate Editor | @alexandriarash

While the college basketball season heats up, a smaller team will lace up its sneakers and hit the court for a good cause.

The Association of Group Homes of Nodaway County is sending six players to Joplin on Saturday to participate in the Special Olympics Missouri district basketball tournament. Team members could not be named due to confidentiality agreements.

The team played in the Northwest Area Basketball Tournament on Jan. 12, which allowed it to advance to

the Joplin games.

“They played their hearts out, and because of that, they get to advance and do something greater,” said Carrie Hengler, who attended the Northwest games.

SOM Competition Coordinator Johnathon Hankinson said approximately 70 teams will play.

“I think it helps them to feel like a part of something,” Hengler said. “It just helps them to learn that if they work hard at something, then they can achieve great things.”

Teams participating must win at least one game to advance to the Regional Tournament in Kansas City.

# Off-campus housing options available

**VICTORIA BAIGI**  
Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

During the spring semester, the question of where to live for next year approaches.

In order to secure a place, Shirley’s Real Estate Agent Kurt Tobin said students should start searching by the end of February or beginning of March.

Students must consider important factors before deciding where they will reside in the next year.

“In my opinion, the first thing students need to look for is a place that’s safe,” Tobin said. “And definitely try to look for a place that is energy efficient.”

Tobin advised students to make certain the amount of bathrooms for the number of tenants will suffice.

Tobin said students should also consider the amount of parking available and the lawn care and snow removal situation.

Students without transportation should look for properties closer to campus.

“There are a lot of good properties within walking distance of the University,” Tobin said. “It depends on if students want to live in a house or apartment building.”

Apartment buildings within walking distance include Fox Alley and Horizons West Apartments.

“I think our biggest benefit is the location,” said Sharon Goughnour, Horizons West resident manager.

Horizons West’s prices include utilities. They also allow students to sign short-term leases. Horizons West rents one and two bedroom

apartments.

Rhonda, Fox Alley Apartments’ manager, said they provide a convenient life style for their tenants.

“At Fox Alley we take care of everything,” Rhonda said. “We take care of lawn care, all outdoor responsibilities.”

Each apartment includes a washer and dryer. Fox Alley rents one and two bedroom apartments.

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How do you feel about the city’s plans tear down dalipated housing?



“It will make the town more appealing to incoming freshmen and bring more students to the University and help grow the city.”

Emily Biles  
Freshman  
Elementary Education



“I think it is a very good idea. They should take them down and replace them with new homes or buildings. Hopefully, it will help the town.”

Jarrett Smith  
Senior  
Psychology/Sociology



“I can always support building new buildings if you have the funding to replace and make things nicer. I support having better living conditions.”

Josh McMahon  
Junior  
Art



“I think it is important to keep Maryville safe and looking good. If they are doing it to make things safer, I think it is a good idea.”

Lucy King  
Sophomore  
History



“I think it is great, especially now that we are getting new businesses and getting a new look for the city. Some of the buildings are an eyesore.”

Nathan Graham  
Senior  
Broadcasting



LAUREN RICHARDSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Houses located on Walnut Street between Eighth and Ninth streets are vacant and dilapidated.

OUR VIEW:  
City must keep up renovation work

Many students chose to come to Northwest because of the beautiful campus and decent programs in their desired fields of study. One thing that was not a big factor in choosing Maryville was Maryville itself. The first impression you get is the hodgepodge of streetlights and old buildings and then a cracked and broken Fourth Street that leads you to campus. Now the city seems to be taking notice.

The city and the University are taking the initiative to make Maryville a bigger draw for students torn between Northwest and a rival like Missouri Western. The University is chipping in with the city to renovate the Fourth Street corridor from Main to campus. It will be repaved, have new street lights, more trees and be an all-

around more aesthetically pleasing experience as prospective students come to campus for a tour.

The Maryville City Council has expressed concerns over old, dilapidated housing and has set aside funds to begin tearing down the eyesores in order to put up newer housing and beautify the city. The long-term goal is to make Maryville a more attractive community.

It is great to see the city is taking the reins on controlling the obvious factors that keep Maryville from growing. The city will be able to grow both the population and the economy by keeping up with the run-down houses and poorly-maintained infrastructure. The council has been doing a fair job at making sure resources are available for community restoration projects.

Hopefully, the mindset of making Maryville better will continue in the coming years.

The council has also talked about the unflattering web of traffic lights throughout the town. It will be nice to see if it delivers on the ideas to change them. The new fourth street improvement project will include a new entryway on Main Street that points toward campus and begins the new, improved section of the street.

The city has done well in attempting to keep up the area, but there is plenty still to be done. Renovations and demolitions are just the beginning. Rebuilding will bring in more families, students and businesses, and it will make Maryville a destination rather than a speed bump.

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Televisions this Sunday across America will tune in to watch an event held in a stadium, with athletes running with a flashy half-time show. These televisions will be watching the Puppy Bowl.

Puppy Bowl VI will air, probably attracting more viewers than last year and promoting a loving home for every animal.

The canine celebration will feature 63 different puppies, the kitty half-time show, the hamster pilots and a new cheer section.

Hedgehogs in outfits will replace the piglets, chickens and bunnies that have cheered on the pro

pups before.

Each year also features Meep the cockatiel who ‘tweets’ his commentary from @MeepTheBird. Who, according to a behind the scenes Washington Post article last year, helped set trends on social media and cause the highest amount web traffic for Animalplanet.com with 5.5 million page views.

While the show attracted 8.7 million viewers last year, according to AdWeek, the ad revenue is up 19 percent.

Is promoting animal adoption by showing cute puppies, which will not stay that size, an effective tool? It might educate viewers on a specific breed or encourage them to stop by local shelters.

Each puppy is brought by volunteers from more than 20 different shelters and rescue organizations from across the country.

Having known someone who

adopted one of the puppies, there is no special bidding that goes on behind the locker room doors.

My family friend stated the process was just like any other animal adoption, “Tyler and I were constantly checking the Aheinz57 rescue website for puppies.” Ashley Swett, proud parent of Trinkka, now Molly, said. “We saw her picture and wanted her. I filled out an application that asked about our home, our family, our past pets and why we want a dog. They did a home visit the next day, and we picked her up on Black Friday... It was an easy process.”

In the end, the Puppy Bowl is a successful counter program to one of the biggest television events. It promotes animal adoption, a worthy cause, even if you have to deal with the referees’ cheesy one liners.

Puppy Bowl VI airs 3 p.m. Sunday on Animal Planet.

CORRECTION:  
Administration looks to replace vice president position

At The Missourian we strive to bring readers accurate information day in and day out, however, in last week’s edition of the paper there was misinformation reported in a story regarding Carol Wisecaver.

Here is an excerpt from last week’s story, “The applicants for the position came to Northwest’s all-employee meeting...”

To clarify, not all of the applicants were brought to Northwest’s

all-employee meeting. Wisecaver was hired by that point, and was introduced as the new vice president of human resources before later leaving to return to Novartis Consumer Health Inc.

A MINUTE WITH MIKE:  
Missouri’s legislature at work on important issues

MIKE THOMSON  
1st District State Representative

Of the hundreds of pieces of legislation that have already been filed, one of the first to start moving through the legislative process is House Bill 87.

This legislation seeks to reauthorize what have come to be known as “benevolent tax credits” which would encourage donations to worthy causes such as food pantries, pregnancy resource centers, children in crisis and others. The cost to the state may very well be less than it would be if the state had to administer programs and services to take care of these needs.

In effect, a donor would get back half of his donation to a charitable cause in the form of a credit to the state income tax.

Our non-profit organizations do amazing work for the people of Missouri who need help, and we want them and the many other non-profits to have the opportunity to continue their important work. While these tax credits seem to be very effective, the tax credit programs administered in Missouri continue to be a controversial issue.

The extension of the benevolent tax credits was discussed in the 2012 session, but the issue was ultimately tied to other tax credit programs that

were the source of extensive debate and disagreement in the General Assembly. The state presently administers over 60 tax credit programs, some of which have grown out of control.

The state redeems between \$500 and \$600 million each year, and many agree that these programs need to be reined in or examined to see what we get in return. Personally, I believe that by reforming, capping or even eliminating many of these credits, it would help us fill that funding gap for education and other important services. I look for this to be a major topic of debate this session.

Last Wednesday, Jan. 23rd we gathered in the House Chambers to listen to Chief Justice Richard B. Teitelman deliver the State of the Judiciary Address.

This event gives the chief justice an opportunity to discuss the priorities and the vision of the Missouri Supreme Court and comment on the status of the Missouri legal system.

If you have questions, you may reach me at my Capitol number, 573-751-9465, at the local district number, 660-582-4014, by email at mike.thomson@house.mo.gov or by mail at Room 401B State Capitol Building, Jefferson City, Mo. 65101.

Democratic Party awaits  
Hillary Clinton’s 2016 bid



CODY UHING  
Opinion Editor

Hillary Clinton has great job security for a 65-year-old former first lady, senator and secretary of state. As she steps down from her role as the 67th secretary of state, Clinton holds enormous power over the Democratic Party.

In the line-up of presidential hopefuls for 2016, Democratic challengers Joe Biden, Martin O’Malley and Andrew Cuomo are at a standstill until Clinton decides if she will run or not. She holds more power over the party than any one person has in recent memory, and for good reason.

As a politician she has grown immensely since her time as first lady. She successfully overcame the carpetbagger handle in her race against Rick Lazio for a vacant New York Senate seat and battled it out against then-Senator Barack Obama for the presidential nomination. The battle was hard-fought and could have been bruising to her future political career, but Obama brought her on his administration to fill the oldest seat in the cabinet.

Her growth showed in her recent Congressional hearings on the Benghazi attacks. She is incredibly knowledgeable on foreign affairs and has strong allies within the Obama administration. Her coworkers within the state department speak highly of her work ethic.

She is the most traveled secretary of state, passing Madeleine Albright, the secretary under President Bill Clinton. She has restored many political relationships with countries that had been damaged by Bush’s foreign policies.

Her work throughout the last 12 years has shown she is a workhorse rather than a showhorse in American politics, but it has tired her out. She has repeatedly said she wants to retire and enjoy life, but that does not mean she won’t change her mind. She knows that if she wants it, the job is hers. I would not be surprised to see her take the mantle as the head of the Democratic Party from President Obama.

She is the strongest candidate in the field, besides maybe Vice President Joe Biden, and she shouldn’t let the power go to waste. She may be the best chance the Democratic Party has to be major players in 2016. There are plenty of well-known contenders for the GOP, but none have the clout, power or experience of Hillary Clinton.

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JOB

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on this solid record of growth and ensuring Missouri’s auto industry continues to prosper and create jobs for years to come.”

Although Nixon and others are optimistic about December’s increase in jobs created, Northwest economics professor Ben Collier says there are other things to look at regarding employment.

“I think that it is almost certainly true that the 10,000 number is an exaggeration. As an economist, I would focus on the number of net jobs, if any, that are created,” Collier said. “Unfortunately, it is much too easy to focus on the easy-to-see effects and to ignore any jobs that are eliminated.”

Collier said the easy-to-see effects were the gross jobs created by specific policies or actions, and the money to create new jobs had to have come from somewhere, which would mean fewer jobs in other areas.

“After previewing the next generation of American-made vehicles to be built by workers in the Show-Me State, it’s clear that our message to auto industry leaders has been delivered,” Nixon said.

Nodaway County has seen higher unemployment numbers in recent years. In July 2011, it had 8.1 percent unemployment, unlike its current 4.4 percent, according to the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

For the 4.4 percent of unemployed Nodaway residents, different job websites such as Career Builder, Snag a job and Monster provide assistance to job seekers.

DRUG

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“There was not a strong belief that there was a drug issue that was taking place in our district, but there was no way of knowing that for certain,” Klotz said. “As we’ve gone through this year, it’s confirmed, in our belief, that our students are making good choices regularly.”

An initial concern was the impact the testing could have on the students and their class time, but Klotz described the process as not being obstructive to the learning process.

The drug testing policy will be reviewed at the end of the year.

“I think it’s been positive,” Klotz said. “I think it’s a good thing . . . At this time, I tend to think we’ll be making a recommendation to continue it.”

The district will not release the results of tests or how many times the students have been tested, but the process is happening within the bounds of the budget established, between \$5,000 and \$7,000 per year, said Klotz.

The school district will release any information about testing or test results at an open Board of Education meeting. The information can then be viewed in the minutes on the school district’s website.

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LAW

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A quick skim of the books, though, will reveal there are oranges among the apples.

Odd laws are not confined to the past or the city limits of Maryville. From making squirrels worry to putting a sofa on the front porch, Missouri laws cover some strange ground.

One colorful crime is the selling of dyed rabbits or fowl. Along with the prohibition of funky colored chickens, the city of Maryville frowns on furniture on porches. Section 215.060 prohibits furniture designed for inside use, such as couches or recliners, from being on front porches or driveways.

Just as rabbits and fowl are safe from harassment in Maryville, squirrels in Excelsior Springs do not have to worry about being worried. Maryville squirrels are infamous for not being afraid of humans, but a law simply stating ‘worrying of squirrels will not be tolerated’ on the books takes away the chance for Excelsior Springs squirrels to show the same bravery.

Other strange animal laws include the prohibition of giving intoxicating liquors to elephants in Natchez and the installation of bathtubs with four legs resembling animal paws in Kansas City. It is also a crime in Missouri to own a dangerous reptile over eight feet long or an ocelot, a wild cat also known as the dwarf leopard.

Some of these laws have reason behind them, and senior Nathan Ellefson saw the sense.

“I think it’s a good idea to not let people own them unless they have a special permit or something,” Ellefson said. “As long as people know they have it.”

For those over 21, the laws of Maryville do have a bright side.

LITTE

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“the host with the most.”

“A lot of people remember Bruce mostly as a man who liked a good dinner,” Loomis said. “He loved to cook huge portions of food. Huge amounts. He’d prepare spaghetti dinners for 50.”

Litte affected the lives of many students. He profoundly changed the life of Kenton Wilcox, instructor and former student.

“He was the center of my world, and I was the center of his,” Wilcox said. “He was the father I never had.”

Students who needed help, needed a place to stay or just

On days such as New Year’s Eve, St. Patrick’s Day, the Fourth of July and the day of the Superbowl, the day of the week does not affect alcohol sales.

On these days and others detailed in Section 600.30, any person or business with a license to sell intoxicating liquor may stay open just like any weekday. So on Superbowl Sunday, the cut off for alcohol sales in Maryville is extended, and citizens will be able to celebrate or mourn appropriately.

The men who gear up to cheer on their favorite team to the championship have another law to adhere to. Missouri law states men must have a permit before shaving, and some such as sophomore Kale Allen may scoff at the ordinance.

“What in the world kind of laws are these?” Allen said. “A real law requiring a permit to shave? That just sounds like a joke that was never meant to be taken seriously.”

Jokes or not, nearly every city or county in Missouri has some strange law with history behind it. These laws may seem unnecessary and are not enforced, but it leaves room to wonder who or what caused these laws. Similar to the tag on a hair dryer that reads ‘do not use in the shower,’ laws such as ‘it is illegal to drive with an uncaged bear,’ which is a real law in Missouri, seem pointless to some.

In the end, though, the fact remains that we are left with the opportunity to laugh at the weird laws that still exist.

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Full list of

Maryville ordinances


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needed a warm, welcoming atmosphere found refuge with Litte and his home.

“He was always the professor who let students be themselves,” Wilcox said. “His home is where students learned that the University is so much more than classes and grades. He was the introduction to the real life of the University, the spiritual heart to the real conversation.”

Wilcox and others who found shelter with Litte and his open doors formed a Facebook group called Littlehouse Alum.

“He taught me this, your house must be an extension of your personality,” Wilcox said. “And his personality was generous, welcoming, loving, non-judgemental.”



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City officials agree to move ahead with rebranding project

One Maryville landmark will continue its transformation.

Members of the City Council decided to move forward with the Mozingo Lake Recreation Park rebranding project, which began in fall 2012.

The project sparked following a study by IDM Group, LLC, which showed the park lacked a cohesive marketing strategy.

The city collaborated with the Advanced Advertising Strategies class at Northwest. Students presented two rebranding concepts in December 2012.

In the end, city staff decided on a logo combining the two concepts.

The city has a \$35,000 budget for the entire project, which will include additional advertising,

grand reopening expenses and logo replacement items.

Beyond the logo, Mozingo’s website is being reconstructed and is set to be operational by Feb. 18.

The golf course club house is also being renovated to include a new bar area among other changes.

Mozingo officials are working with students at Northwest again this semester to prepare for a reopening event, which will take place April 6.

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Images of new Mozingo logo

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Board of Regents set to make decision on campus dining bid

The Board of Regents will vote on a new campus-dining contract Friday.

Aramark could potentially be replaced as the vendor for Northwest’s campus dining pending a decision by the Board. If a new company were selected they would take over from Aramark in May.

This is the first time the con-

tract has been up for bid in 15 years.

Additionally, on the Board’s agenda is discussing the search for a new dean of enrollment management and curriculum proposals, both being presented by Provost Doug Dunham.

The meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday in the Board Room of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Sales tax increase approved for Mary Mart retail stores

Sales tax at the Mary Mart Shopping Center increased by 1 cent on Monday.

The City Council voted to approve the tax hike after regular council meeting Monday.

The tax is expected to generate \$812,500 over a five-year period, according to a document presented to the council by Nodaway County Economic Development. The funds from the tax will be used to improve vacant rental spaces to attract new tenants.

Dollar Tree and Rue 21 are proposed tenants for vacant spaces within the center.

Three other tenants are considering renting spaces in the center, but their commitment is dependent on Dollar Tree’s occupation, according to Nodaway County Economic Development. Those retailers include a women’s retail store, a computer software outlet and health/beauty supply store.

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Full story on Friday covering shopping center changes.

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**Jan. 17**  
Property was recovered at the 400 block of North Buchanan Street.

**Jan. 20**  
Kyle R. Dempksi, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at the 200 block of West Second Street.

Adam Y. Al-Mohtadi, 21, Maryville, Mo., was issued a citation for failure to report an accident at the 200 block of West Seventh Street.

**Jan. 23**  
Galen G. Sanders, 60, Bedford, Iowa, was charged with a city code violation

at the 800 block of East Edwards Street.

**Jan. 24**  
An accident occurred between Matthew A. Balias, 32, Maryville, Mo., and an unknown driver at the intersection of North Walnut and West Second streets.

**Jan. 25**  
Christopher M. Moore, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with not having a valid driver’s license at the 900 block of South Main Street.

**Jan. 27**  
There is an ongoing investigation

of assault at the 400 block of North Market Street.

There was a report of a building fire at the 1200 block of Fox Road.

**Jan. 28**  
Property was recovered at the 200 block of East Third Street.



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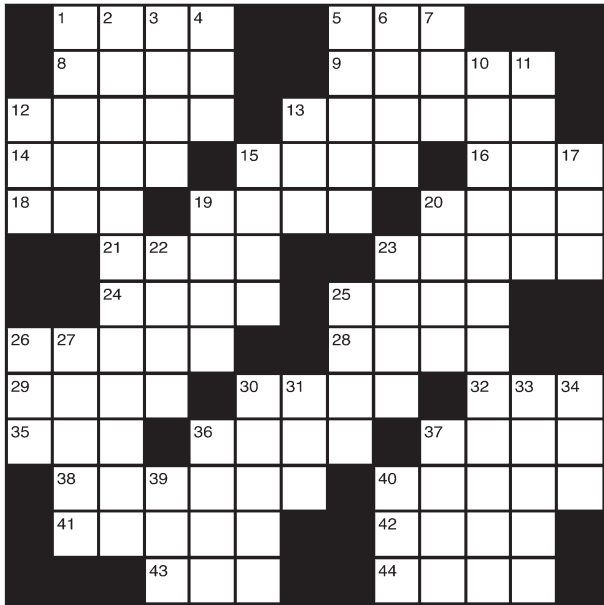
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By Peter A Collins

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5 "\_\_\_ You There, Chelsea?"  
8 Ride and fall of the oceans  
9 Disney's elephant  
12 \_\_\_ fours; delicate pastries  
13 Large spotted cat  
14 "The Amazing \_\_\_"  
15 Voight and Cryer  
16 "\_\_\_ This Morning"  
18 Hemingway's monogram  
19 Cello player \_\_\_ Ma  
20 "The Buckeye State"  
21 Veal or venison  
23 Worries  
24 Ripken and his dad  
25 "Let's Make a \_\_\_"  
26 "The Treasure of the Sierra \_\_\_"; Humphrey Bogart movie  
28 Woody Guthrie's son  
29 Arden and Plumb  
30 Florek of "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit"  
32 Reiner or Lowe  
35 Foot digit  
36 "Baby \_\_\_"; movie for Tina Fey and Sigourney Weaver  
37 Late-night host  
38 "\_\_\_ Douce"; film for Shirley MacLaine  
40 Wilma Flintstone's neighbor  
41 Thickheaded  
42 "\_\_\_ bigger and better things!"  
43 Words of mild surprise

44 "Step by \_\_\_"; sitcom for Patrick Duffy and Suzanne Somers  
  
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1 "The \_\_\_"; adventure series for George Peppard  
2 Josh Lucas' role on "The Firm"  
3 Singer and actress Adams  
4 Butterfly catcher's need  
5 "A Bell for \_\_\_"; Gene Tierney film  
6 Carpets  
7 World's second-largest bird  
10 "The \_\_\_"; reality series hosted by Chris Harrison  
11 Planet's path  
12 Prefix meaning "before"  
13 "The \_\_\_ Behar Show"  
15 \_\_\_ down; makes a note of  
17 Pot scrubber's pad  
19 George W. Bush's alma mater  
20 Televangelist  
22 Corncocks  
23 Plant with fronds  
25 Delany or Carvey  
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27 Stay away from  
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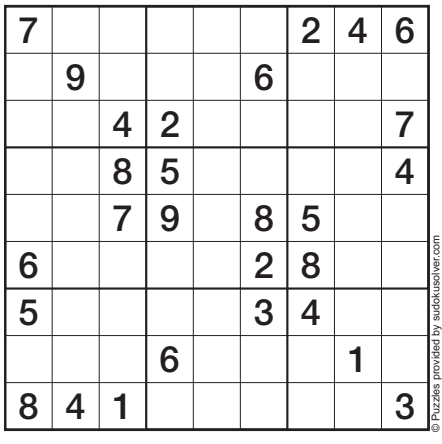
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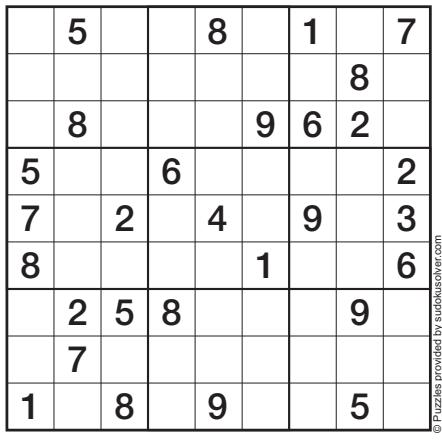
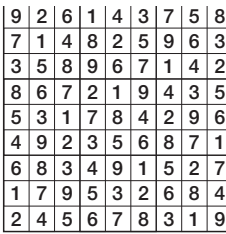
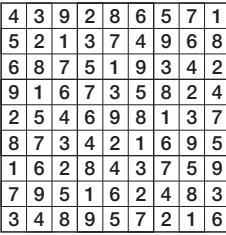
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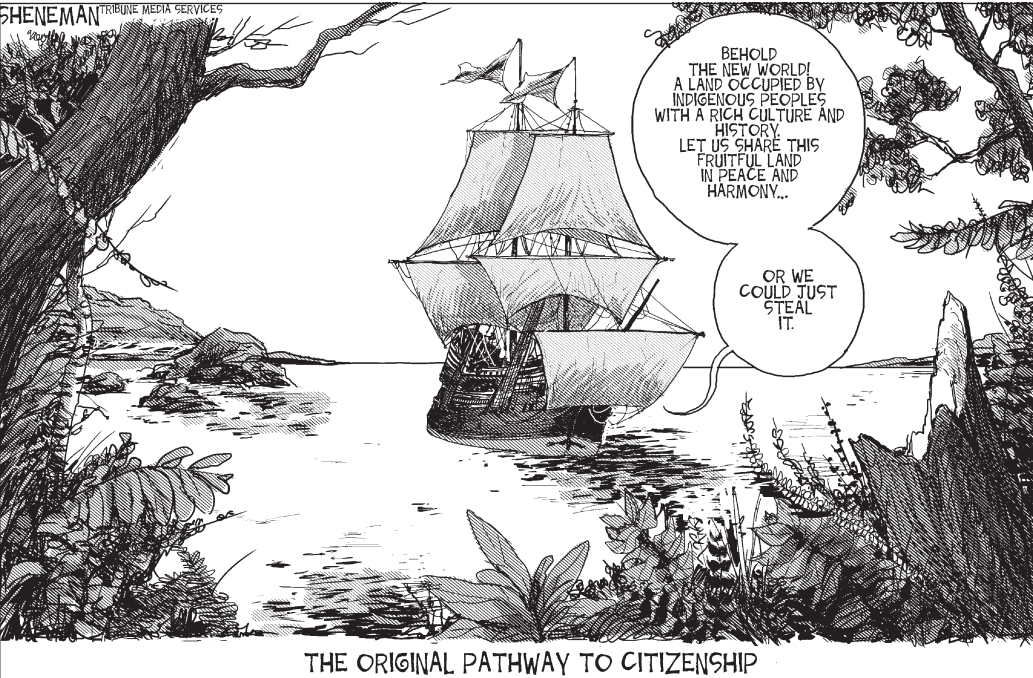
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Answers for the Nov 29 issue.



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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (01/31/13). Travel plans advance, and writing flows. A fun, creative phase sparkles with exploration until summer, when productivity and a career rise occupy your time. Changes at home hold your focus. Group efforts succeed, so rely on family and friends, and be generous, too.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- There's more room for love. If you've been thinking about it, now's a good time to pop the question. Reality clashes with

fantasy. Choose wisely. What would be the most fun?

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Accept the gift of laughter from a loved one or a child. Relaxing helps you work. Balance your job and your family. Launch a new project now.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Unexpected confrontation and beauracratc delays interfere with your plans. Use the tension to make something beautiful. Look at the problem with a child's perspective.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Your mind moves more quickly than

you can. This work is fun, really. It's not the time to throw your money around. Entertain outside opinions. Postpone travel.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Something works gloriously. Stop for a minute, and let it soak in. It's easier to concentrate. Don't speculate with love or money.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Learn from a master of finances, and continue improving your net worth. Don't let it slip through your fingers. Be logical and creative at the same time. Postpone travel for now.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- Follow your heart, and take on a leadership role. Abundance is available, but don't let your friends spend your money ... especially what you haven't earned yet.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Don't rush it, more work will come soon enough. But don't procrastinate either, as there's not time for that. The situation may be confusing. Trust your intuition.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Collect old junk at home and give it away, in a clean sweep. Consider replacing it with something you've long wanted. Ensure it doesn't become tomorrow's junk.

Nancy Black MCT Campus

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Offer encouragement to others and to yourself. Then start studying the next subject. Balance career and family like a pro. Travel does look good now.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- A great adventure lies ahead. Inspire those who love you. The trick is to balance work and fun; get your homework done before getting sucked into video games.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- You're entering a two-day transformative cycle. Go for the gold. Consider your plan well. Friends help you find the best partner. Aim high and get into action.



# A PUSH INTO THE DIGITAL AGE

## Local theater readies format change

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Due to industry standards, The Hangar Cinema and Restaurant, being one of the few remaining movie theaters in the nation with a film reel projector system, will make the change to all digital projectors. As part of the transition, the process of making a movie will no longer be required by projectionists.

Shay Powers, head projectionist at The Hangar, described the process of building a movie as fairly complicated to learn at first.

“We receive the movie in usually 20 minute increments broke up into separate reels, usually varying from 5 to 8,” Powers said. “The highest is 10. But we receive them like that, and essentially cut the labels off...then attach the next reel to that, so its really one big taped together reel,” said Powers.

“It’s essentially like a big VHS tape,” Powers said.

He said it can be a time-consuming event.

“Depends on the movie, usually 45 minutes to an hour,” Powers said. “Sometimes they send the reels in reverse order, which could double the time.”

He also mentioned some mistakes that could drastically increase the work in putting together a movie.

“When you’re building the movie, you have to cut the label off, and if you don’t cut it off in the right place,” Powers said. “You could put reels in the wrong order.”

This process will soon be retired based on industry standards, and The Hangar will move to all digital projectors according to Richard Groves, General Manager of The Hangar.

The goal is to make the movie-going experience as enjoyable as possible for the viewer, and that is the reason for the push to convert to digital formats nation and worldwide.

“For close to a decade now, the industry has been developing new technology,” Groves said. “The basic concept of showing a film has been the

same since its inception. For the first time, we now have the technology that can meet and in many ways exceed the technology that we’ve been using for so many years.”

“Filmmakers, directors, film executives, distributing executives, theater owners, have finally agreed upon compliance standards,” Groves said.

He also mentioned that certain parties involved had a much bigger vote. Regardless of the opinions and motives, they all had the same general goal.

Right now, despite all the theaters that have already converted, which Groves said is around 70 percent, none of these decisions have affected The Hangar or selection of films they receive.

“20th Century Fox has come out with a date...this fall when they will halt the production of 35mm print. If you haven’t converted to the digital format, then you will be left out of their distribution cycle,” Groves said.

“At some point, if you

choose not to convert, all distribution companies are expected to halt production within a year...” Groves said. “If you are only showing films in the 35mm format, your access to product will become very limited, and at a certain point in the very near future, it’s going to be non-existent.”

The conversion for The Hangar, Groves explains, will likely happen sometime in the fall, which will cause them to be closed for a short time.

“It’ll be a two day shut-down,” Groves said, “We’ll use those two days to shut down and uninstall the 35mm systems, which are substantial; the physicality of them will create some challenges for us. The bulk of the second day will be spent on installing the new digital format.”

There is no specific date announced for this, and details will be given when available as soon as The Hangar has more specifics. The Hangar is excited to continue to improve the movie-going experience for Maryville and its supporters.



Billboard Hot 100 Songs

- 1. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis ft. Wanz – “Thrift Shop”
- 2. Bruno Mars – “Locked Out of Heaven”
- 3. The Lumineers – “Ho Hey”
- 4. Justin Timberlake ft. Jay-Z – “Suit & Tie”
- 5. Taylor Swift – “I Knew You Were Trouble”

Billboard Top 200

- 1. A\$AP Rocky – “Long. Live.A\$AP”
- 2. Kidz Bop Kids – “Kidz Bop 23”
- 3. Pitch Perfect Soundtrack
- 4. Taylor Swift – “Red”
- 5. Bruno Mars – “Unorthodox Jukebox”

In Theaters This Week:

**“Bullet to the Head”**  
(Action)  
Director: Walter Hill  
Starring: Sylvester Stallone, Christian Slater

**“Stand Up Guys”**  
(Comedy)  
Director: Fisher Stevens  
Starring: Al Pacino, Christopher Walken

**“Sound City”**  
(Documentary)  
Director: Dave Grohl  
Starring: Trent Reznor, Tom Petty

THE STROLLER:  
Your Man needs faster delivery to dorm room

University police officers do a decent job of keeping campus roads safe (not that I could get my car up to lethal speeds between all the stop signs anyway), but they need to be less trigger happy with their radars on delivery cars.

In fact, I’m going to take it one step further and demand full amnesty from speeding tickets for all delivery personnel on campus roads. Demand, not request. I’m actually yelling right now.

The speed limit is an agonizing zomph along that golden highway traversed by our heroes of the food delivery service to reach the suites, the apartments and the high rises. It’s called College Park Drive, not to be confused with College Avenue, University Drive, North College Drive, Northwest Drive, or Northwest Missouri State University College Institution Bearcat Nation School Mel Tjeerdsma Learning Is Good Avenue. (One of my life goals, [besides having a jiggle joint named after me] is to make billions, die young, and leave a generous endowment to this University, but only if it names the streets after 1990s cartoon characters; Spinelli Drive and Skeeter Valentine Parkway would be a great start.)

WHAT’S HOT

**J.J. Abrams**

Disney announces “Lost” genius as the producer of “Star Wars Episode VII.”

**Justin Timberlake**

“Micky Mouse Club” reject is back on the charts with his single, “Suit & Tie.”

**Papichulo’s**

Don’t worry Northwest, you can still get your drunken, after-bar burrito.

WHAT’S NOT

**Chris Brown**

Picking fights with Frank Ocean? Sounds like Grammy jealousy.

**Twitter**

Apparently Google Plus has taken the number two spot in social media.

**Snow**

Kansas City gets 70 degrees this week, and we get snow? Seriously?

Ra Ra Riot gets dance-focused

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Since its breakout record from 2010, “The Orchard,” Ra Ra Riot has been cruising the airwaves and appearing on hit shows such as “The Vampire Diaries,” and making a name for itself. The band also had the liberty of touring with Death Cab For Cutie, Vampire Weekend and joining a few of the summer festivals.

With its latest release, “Beta Love,” Ra Ra Riot made a few changes, some more welcoming than the others.

The band made a move toward more up-tempo and dance-focused indie music that is, sadly, incredibly popular.

With the first track, “Dance With Me,” the changes are very obvious, and it sounds good. The band knows how to write a catchy song, that much is clear. Immediately after, beat focused and sample based “Binary Mind” hits hard and continues the feel-good vibe the album brings.

Even lyrically they have references to more electronic ideas. “Why, tell me why, I wanna read you with this binary mind....It’s a technocratic future world.”

It seems like Ra Ra Riot even acknowledges that the change may be a bit over the top. The band even titled a song “Is It Too Much.” I have to say, yes. But that doesn’t mean it is bad.

Eventually, the album slows down. With tracks like “Wilderness” and “What I Do For You,” the band comes back and visits some of the slower, duo based lyrics that filled “The Orchard.”

“Wilderness” is filled with staccato drums that almost sound like finger snaps. It is a very wel-



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comed change of pace.

This album appears to be a commentary on music these days. Bands can make an outstanding album, but they feel like they will not be able to recreate or even surpass the previous effort and will fall off the music scene after a change to their sound.

On the title track, Ra Ra Riot backs this theory up lyrically. “I might be prototype, but we’re both real inside. Would you take me up this time?...Cause I’m gonna find that place the way I want.”

So the band jumps into a trend and either sellout, or die. It’s hard to tell which will happen to Ra Ra Riot in the long run, but the band

can ride this out for awhile, at least being trendy.

A great comparison for this album, ironically, is the dance/electronic-based project by the name of Discovery, Vampire Weekend’s Rostam Batmangli’s side band.



Artist: Ra Ra Riot  
Album: Beta Love  
Release: 1.22.13  
Record Label: Barsuk

Expectations high for 2013 releases

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The year 2012 is over, and a whole new year of music is upon us. Some of the bigger names in music are set to have releases this year. Here is a list of the more anticipated ones, with potential album titles and release dates if they have been announced.

Lady Gaga – “ARTPOP”

After somewhat of a sophomore slump and a giant tour in support of “Born This Way,” Gaga announced her new album and tattooed it on her body. Lady Gaga said a release date is scheduled, but she hasn’t released it to the public.

Arcade Fire - TBA

After its huge round-up, including Album of the Year at the 2011 Grammy’s, Arcade Fire goes back into the studio to work with James Murphy of LCD Soundsystem fame.

Blink-182 – TBA

After the 2011 release of “Neighborhoods,” dropping from the band’s label and releasing an EP titled “Dogs Eating Dogs” right before Christmas, Blink-182 hasn’t stopped working on new material. No word on a tentative release but they have said they want it out this year.

MGMT - TBA

It’s been three years since MGMT released “Congratulations”, and word has it that the band has an even weirder and even more electronic-focused album

coming out in June.

Eminem - TBA

Slim Shady hasn’t released very much information pertaining to his new album, except the fact that he has been in the studio. He’s looking at a late spring/early summer release.

Atoms for Peace – “Amok”

The lead man of Radiohead, Thom Yorke, formed this supergroup, including Flea of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, for his main stage performance at Coachella a few years back. The band has finally gotten into the studio to make a proper album. It’s due out on Feb. 26.

Justin Timberlake – “The 20/20 Experience”

It’s about time J.T. stops collaborating with the Lonely Island and makes a proper pop masterpiece. If it’s anything like his first single, “Suit & Tie,” Justin has a big 2013 ahead of him.

Vampire Weekend – TBA

Your favorite Honda commercial band is back with a follow-up to 2011’s highly successful “Contra.” They’ve teased the album with two terribly recorded live songs and a couple of images, one looking like the famous painting of George Washington crossing the Delaware during the Revolutionary War. Bold metaphor? Scheduled for a May 6 release.

Paramore – Paramore

It has been almost four years since the release of Paramore’s “Brand New Eyes.” So it’s no surprise that they announce every-

thing with a bang. Besides the announcement of the album, they released a single and announced their first U.S. tour in years. Release date of April 9..

Phoenix – “Bankrupt!!”

If you don’t recognize the name Phoenix, that’s fair. But I’m willing to bet you know at least three songs from their 2009 release “Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix.” It was criminally underrated at the time but became a hit after commercials and TV shows picked up on it and used their songs. It will be a big year for this band. April is the tentative date.

Daft Punk - TBA

The kings of electronic music are back and have a new album coming out this year. Rumor has it they have brought in some big-named guests for some vocal collaborations. As long as it is nothing like the Tron soundtrack, we should be OK.

Tyler the Creator – “Wolf”

After his big year in 2011 with the release of “Goblin” and winning an MTV Video Music Award for Best New Artist, Tyler the Creator had planned to release “Wolf” in 2012. But he didn’t. Let’s see if he can keep his “Odd Future” train rolling and not be just another shock-value artist who got boring.

She & Him – “Volume 3”

FOX’s “New Girl” and M. Ward are back with another album. And not a Christmas album. This will surely be hyped and over-rated just like the last album. Looking at a May 7 release.

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SPOOFHOUNDS PLACE 3 IN QUAD STATE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT



Senior Ben Wilmes avoids being tripped up on top position during the Quad State Classic Tournament on Saturday. Wilmes finished fifth at 132 pounds for the Spoofhounds who finished seventh out of nine teams.

Drake’s 400 dual wins tops Missouri high school record books

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In his 39th year as head coach of the Maryville high school wrestling team, Joe Drake did something no other coach has done in the state of Missouri. At the Mt. Ayr Quad last Thursday, the Spoofhounds defeated Mt. Ayr (Iowa) and Pleasantville (Iowa) to give Drake win No. 400 and win No. 401, setting himself apart with the most dual wins in Missouri state history. Although it is a great achievement, Drake is keeping his

focus on his team and is taking it match by match. “There was nothing more special about it other than the fact that it was a level no one has obtained up to this point,” Drake said. “So I guess that kind of makes it special, but really, going into that night, we wanted to win all three duals. But coming out winning two out of three, we felt really good about it.” Drake was denied win No. 402 after finishing the quad 2-1. Maryville’s only dual loss Thursday was dealt by Bedford-Lenox (Iowa).

However, instead of getting caught up in records or personal achievements, Drake said he has kept his goals for this year’s team short and to the point – win duals. “That was our objective all along, to just win duals,” Drake said. “It wasn’t to set any records. That was not our primary goal ever this season.” Having coached for nearly four decades and having been a teacher of the game to hundreds of Maryville athletes, Drake’s focus remains on preparing his team as the season dwindles down and they head into districts.

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really good post player inside and a couple of shooters. That’s what they do, and they beat you up with screens. You really have to fight. They don’t get blown out and they don’t blow people out.” Headlining the Northeastern State roster is senior forward and MIAA Player of the Week Jermaine Bransford. Bransford is averaging a double-double this season with 15.6 points per game along with 10.1 rebounds. With Starzl possibly out, it will be a team effort to stop the RiverHawks’ big man.

“I think, defensively, (Schlake and Cozad) will be able to fight him a little bit,” McCollum said. “It will be tough. It’s going to take a lot of support from everyone on the team to be able to stop him.” The Bearcats tip off at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Bearcat Arena and again at 3:30 on Saturday against Emporia State for a two-game MIAA home stand. “It’s always important in this league to win your home games, and they are second-place and we are third, so it’s an important game,” McCollum said. “We can’t use excuses or anything like that. Dillon or no Dillon, Cooper or no Cooper, we are still a program and have to take care of business.”

HOOPS  
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that will determine the top team in the country’s best conference. On Feb. 7, North Carolina State travels a few miles to Durham to take on rival Duke. And yes, it counts as a rivalry because of two things: NC State’s recent basketball rise, and the awesomeness that is C.J. Leslie. And those are just two quick examples of what’s coming. At this point in the season, most teams are about as good as they’ll get, minus schools that have suffered in the injury department.

Granted, the time of year where players learn the most is conference tournament time, but most teams are settled down as far as rotations, situational substitutions and style of play, which makes for fantastic basketball. If the Big Dance started today, my four No. 1 seeds would be Michigan, Kansas, Syracuse and Florida. It just so happens that three of those teams are three of the best four defensive teams in the country, which is the theme of the 2012-2013 season. Unless you’re a great offensive machine (2012 Kentucky, 2009 North Carolina, 1990 UNLV, etc.), guard play and defense is what takes titles.

Since there’s no great team in the running this year, just a ton of really good teams, defense will loom large in determining a champion in April. The best defensive teams and, therefore, my four favorite teams to hang a banner, are Louisville, Kansas, Florida and Syracuse, in that order. All four of these teams will be tested this week, as the Cardinals, who just gift-wrapped ‘Cuse a victory last week, take on Marquette Feb. 3. The Golden Eagles have two bad early season losses, but have played well as of late, taking four straight Big East wins before falling to Cincinnati. Louisville is the best defensive

unit in the nation because of its ability to play any style at any tempo and is one of the top teams in the country at forcing turnovers. The Jayhawks won a cupcake game at West Virginia before they will play perennial thorn-in-the-side Oklahoma State Feb. 2. If top NBA prospect Ben McLemore keeps up his torrid shooting pace, Kansas may actually handle the Cowboys like it should every season. The Gators, one of the more experienced teams in college basketball, will have to find a way to stop SEC leading-scorer Marshall Henderson and Ole Miss. Florida is third in the country in scoring defense, allowing opponents just

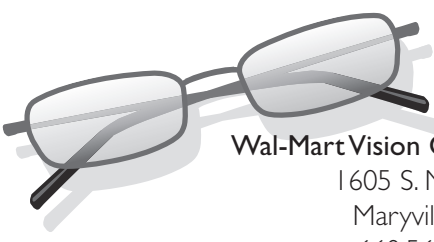
51.4 points per game. Syracuse benefited from two Louisville turnovers in the last two possessions in a last-second win last week, propelling the Orange to the top of the Big East standings. They will play Notre Dame Feb. 4, one of the best passing teams in the NCAA, which could cause problems for the 2-3 zone that Syracuse relies on. If the Orange can’t keep a frantic pace, they could suffer another home loss to an underdog. Keep tabs on this week’s games because when the selection committee sits down at the beginning of March, it could very well look back at these next eight days for most of its rulings.

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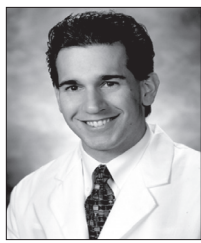
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MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo.....	14-3	8-1
Northeastern St.....	14-4	7-3
NORTHWEST.....	13-5	6-3
Washburn.....	12-4	5-3
Lindenwood.....	12-5	5-4
Pitt. St.....	12-5	5-4
Fort Hays.....	11-6	5-4
Central Oklahoma.....	7-10	5-4
Mo. Southern.....	9-8	4-5
Southwest Baptist.....	6-11	4-5
Mo. Western.....	8-10	4-6
Truman.....	7-11	4-6
Emporia State.....	8-8	3-5
Nebraska-Kearney.....	5-13	2-8
Lincoln (Mo.).....	3-17	2-8
January 31: Lindenwood at Southwest Baptist Mo. Southern at Washburn Northeastern St. at NORTHWEST		
February 2: Central Mo. at Lindenwood Emporia St. at NORTHWEST		
MHS BOY’S BASKETBALL		
MEC STANDINGS		
	Overall	MEC
Lafayette.....	14-3	1-0
Smithville.....	14-4	1-0
Cameron.....	11-6	2-0
MARYVILLE.....	13-5	2-2
Chillicothe.....	6-10	1-1
Benton.....	5-14	2-2
Bishop LeBlond.....	6-9	1-2
Savannah.....	6-13	0-3
February 1: Smithville at MARYVILLE Chillicothe at Benton Cameron at Lafayette Savannah at LeBlond		
NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL		
MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Washburn.....	13-3	7-1
Truman.....	15-3	8-2
Northeastern St.....	13-5	8-2
Central Mo.....	15-2	7-2
Pitt St.....	12-5	6-3
Emporia St.....	10-6	5-3
Mo. Western.....	12-6	5-5
Fort Hays.....	12-5	4-5
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MHS GIRL’S BASKETBALL		
MEC STANDINGS		
	Overall	MEC
Benton.....	13-5	2-0
Lafayette.....	12-3	2-0
LeBlond.....	11-5	2-0
Cameron.....	12-6	2-1
Savannah.....	5-8	1-1
Smithville.....	12-4	0-1
Chillicothe.....	8-11	0-1
MARYVILLE.....	5-12	0-5
January 31: MARYVILLE at Smithville Benton at Chillicothe LeBlond at Savannah		

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# Boys drop game with LeBlond

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Down 10 points with just under three minutes remaining, there was a chance for a repeat game between the Maryville boy's basketball team and Bishop LeBlond.

The Spoofhounds were in their full-court press with a chance to cut the lead, looking to get the victory late like Jan. 22 when the two teams faced off in the Cameron Tournament.

However, LeBlond answered every question, breaking the press and getting easy buckets en route to the 48-35 win.

Head coach Mike Kuwitzky said that he did not see much of a difference scheme-wise from the Golden Eagles compared to last week.

"I think they just executed better than we did," Kuwitzky said. "I thought they executed their offense better than we executed ours, and I thought they played tighter defense than we did."

"I think they deserved to win. I thought they outplayed us."

Maryville started the game off with a 10-0 lead and did not allow LeBlond to score until 54 seconds were left in the first quarter.

LeBlond outscored the Spoof-



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN  
Senior Jonathan Baker squeezes past a defender during Tuesday's loss to Bishop LeBlond.

hounds 14-6 in the second quarter, including a three-pointer by senior forward Jacob Madden to end the half, giving the Golden Eagles a 19-16 lead at half.

The 'Hounds cut the lead to two points heading into the fourth

quarter, but this would be as close as Maryville would come.

"We try to play team defense and have responsibilities, and we try to be in the right position at the right time. Sometimes it works, and sometimes we need to tighten it up a little bit. And I think tonight we needed to tighten it up a little bit."

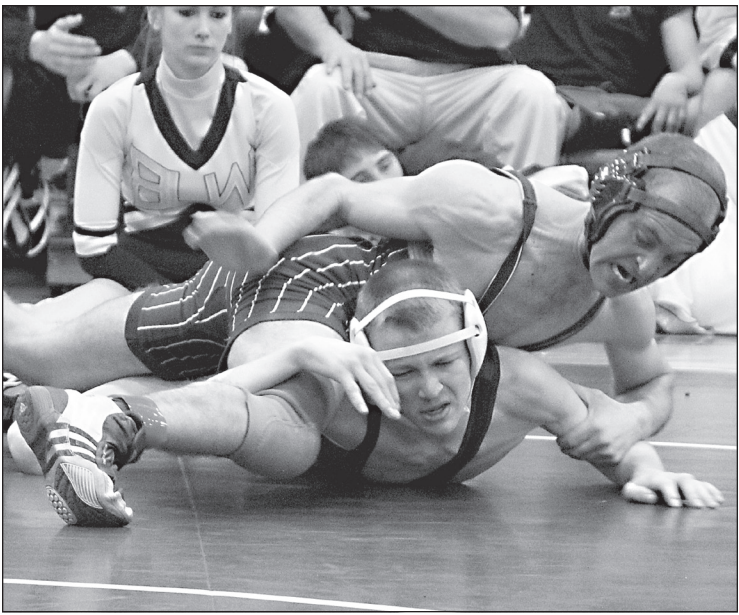
Senior guard Jonathan Baker led the Spoofhounds with nine points, seven of which came in the second half.

Senior point guard Treyton Burch was right behind Baker with eight points.

Other scorers for the 'Hounds include senior forward Tyler Kenkel with seven points, junior guard Ty Hilsabeck with six points and junior forward Trent Nally with six points.

With the loss, Maryville (14-6, 1-2 MEC) faces Smithville at 5 p.m. Friday at home, the first time in nearly three weeks the Spoofhounds will have a home game.

"They (Smithville) are a really tough team," Kuwitzky said. "We have a real big challenge ahead to do well against Smithville come Friday. It's going to take a really good effort, but we're glad to be home. We haven't been home in a long time, so that'll be nice."



HANNAH JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN  
Senior Ben Wilmes fights to retain top position Saturday at the Quad State Classic. The Spoofhounds placed seventh out of nine teams that competed.

# Wrestlers prepare for postseason tournament

**CRAIG SIMS**  
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With just one tournament left before districts, Maryville wrestling head coach Joe Drake said his team has to be wrestling at its peak toward the end of the season.

That final tournament is the Albany Invitational held on Saturday, a dual competition where Maryville will work to fill some of its weight classes.

"We need to try to have everyone wrestling at a very high level come Saturday," Drake said. "Hopefully, that will carry us over to the district tournament."

"If we can come out somewhere in the middle, that's our realistic expectation. Because of a lack of numbers this year, a lack of being able to fill certain weight classes just comes back to bite us, and we just can't overcome that deficit at times."

With no duals during the week, Drake said practice will be spent trying to fine-tune some little things that are causing the team problems.

"We are giving up too many points, and because of that, it makes it hard to win as a team," Drake said. "Right now our biggest concern is that the ones that are wrestling, we've got to get them wrestling at their best this time of the season."

This past Saturday the 'Hounds

"We need to try to have everyone wrestling at a very high level come Saturday. Hopefully, that will carry us over to the district tournament."

Joe Drake

held the Quad State Classic Tournament against teams in the surrounding area.

Sophomore Nate Alexander took first place at 126 pounds.

Senior Derek Steins took second at 145 pounds.

Sophomore Brendan Weybrew took third at the 285 mark to round out the only three medal winners for Maryville.

The Spoofhounds took seventh place out of the nine teams competing in the home tournament, with Millard South taking first place.

Following the Albany Tournament to finish the regular season, district action will take place Feb. 8 and Feb. 9 at the South Harrison high school.

# Girls losing streak continues in MEC play

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The Spoofhound girl's basketball team continued the longest losing streak of the season on Monday night after a loss to Lathrop High School.

The 41-36 loss is the seventh straight for Maryville. Head coach Grant Hageman is happy with what he saw for most of the game, but knows his team needs to learn how to finish in late-game situations.

"We have to finish," Hageman said. "We have to finish mentally and physically, and we just can't get timid in the fourth quarter."

The Hounds started the game fast, scoring 13 points in the first quarter and 10 in the second. In the third quarter, the defenses settled in and scoring slowed down.

"You can look at it either way," Hageman said. "I thought our defense was doing a good job keeping them off the boards in the third quarter. On the other end, we attacked their 1-3-1 okay at times. Other times we were just unsure where to attack."

Hageman said a big turning point in the game was Lathrop switching to a 1-3-1 defense in the second half.

"It bothered us," Hageman said. "It slowed us down. It's different passing angles. It's just different. We didn't get shots to fall when we were doing a good job moving it. [When] shots don't fall, I think we lost our confidence, and we stopped attacking. We've had 1-3-1 in the past, and that's why you do it. It's a changeup, and it can cause problems."

Senior forward Chelsey McMichael led the Spoofhounds in scoring with 11 points. Junior center Gabby Church chipped in seven for Maryville.

Lathrop's leading scorer was junior forward Katie Cordray, who had 20 points.

"Like I told [the team], tomorrow we can come to practice and get after it, or we can come tomorrow and lie down. They haven't done that yet, and I don't think they will."

Maryville's next game is at 6:45 tonight at Smithville High School.



KAYLA MEPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN  
Senior guard Blair Twaddle shoves past a Lathrop defender on Monday night's home game at Maryville High School.

# ATHLETES of the WEEK



## BEARCATS

## SPOOFHOUNDS



### Grant Cozad



Sophomore forward Grant Cozad scored 10 points and had a team-high six rebounds in their 60-50 loss to MIAA leader Central Missouri Saturday.

### Annie Mathews



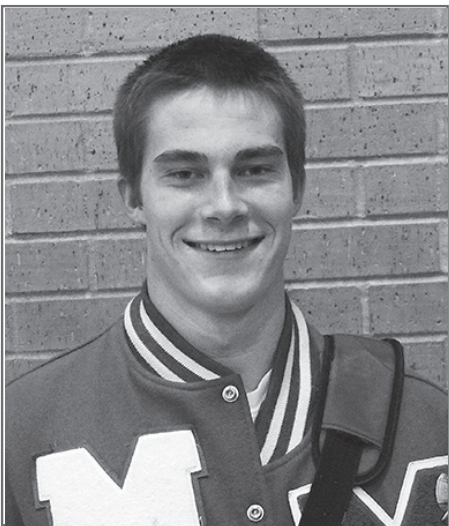
Sophomore forward Annie Mathews recorded a double-double in a losing effort Saturday. Mathews scored 13 points and pulled down 12 boards against Central Missouri.

### Chelsey McMichael



Senior forward Chelsey McMichael scored team-high 11 points in their 41-36 loss to Lathrop Monday night. The Spoofhounds go on the road to play Smithville tonight.

### Jonathan Baker



Senior guard Jonathan Baker led the Spoofhounds in scoring Tuesday night against Bishop LeBlond with nine points. The 'Hounds lost to their MEC foe 48-35.

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Senior Kemper Kellerstrass practices pole vaulting at Monday's track practice. The Bearcats are preparing for the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational.

# Indoor track to make 2nd trip to Lincoln this season

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The Northwest track team continued its streak of putting up provisional marks, setting one in the pentathlon and heptathlon Jan. 26 in Pella, Iowa.

Sophomore Chloe Wichmann swept the women's pentathlon in the Dutch Athletics Classic by winning all five events and earned an NCAA provisional mark with 3,328 points.

Senior Seth Staashelm grabbed the heptathlon victory by winning the men's pole vault and placing second in the high jump to nab 4,669 points, another NCAA provisional mark.

Head coach Scott Lorek downplayed the importance of the finishes, saying there was not a whole

lot of competition for either athlete.

Junior hurdler Travis Manning improved his provisional mark in the 60-meter hurdles, surpassing his 8:09 time set at the Iowa State Open Jan. 18-19 with an 8:08 Sunday in the Concordia Classic.

Senior hurdler/sprinter Tyler Shaw swapped spots with Manning from the Iowa State Open, finishing with an 8:09 this time around as opposed to an 8:08 last weekend.

Lorek expects Shaw and Manning to continue improving on their times and does not believe either of them have plateaued.

"At this point, it's kind of a question of keeping them healthy for each race," Lorek said. "They're kind of at that middle part of the season where they can get kind of

sore and tight ... But they're both running really well, and I think they can both run significantly faster."

Shaw also finished in third place in the men's 200-meter dash with a final time of 22.7.

The Bearcats will make their second trip to Lincoln this season

on Saturday and Sunday, albeit slightly shorthanded, for the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational.

Some members of the team Lorek wants to send will not be accepted to compete because Division I teams, such as Nebraska and Wyoming, will be in attendance.

The trip will be Northwest's fifth to Lincoln in the past two seasons.

"Our kids call it a home meet," Lorek said. "It's not that far away. We're familiar with the track, and it's a good place to run. A lot of the stuff that's also good to be familiar with are the check-in procedures and the check-in areas and just feeling at home and comfortable there, and our kids do. It's a great place for us to run, and it's a great facility ... I'd go there every week-end if I could."

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Scott Lorek

# Women look to slow down Northeastern's three-point barrage

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A tough loss to No. 16 Central Missouri sent Northwest women's basketball into consecutive conference home games this week.

The Bearcats jumped out to a 24-8 lead over the Jennies (15-2, 7-2 MIAA), but led by just two, 28-26, going into the half. Northwest continued to battle in the second frame before a scoreless streak in the final five minutes proved fatal in a 60-52 loss, dropping their record to 10-7 and 4-5 in MIAA play.

The Bearcats will battle first-year conference opponent Northeastern State today. Northwest is looking for its first win in four at-

tempts against the RiverHawks.

The matchup will feature a battle of top-five defenses within the MIAA.

"They're one of the best defensive teams in the conference," Kellogg said. "They know exactly what they are defensively, they know exactly what they are offensively, and do a great job of playing to their strengths, so we have to figure out a way to take them out of those strengths."

Northeastern State is second in the MIAA in three-point percentage per game, averaging 38 percent from behind the arc and have made more three-point shots than free throws this season. Taylor Lewis leads the RiverHawks perimeter attack, aver-

aging 16 points a contest.

Another element to the outing is Northeastern State head coach Randy Gipson. Northwest initially hired Gipson as head coach following Gene Steinmeyer's retirement, but Gipson quickly backed out.

Junior guard Monique Stevens said the team will be out there to prove a point.

"He came here to be our coach and gave up so quick, so we'll be out there to get after it and get that win and show that we're better than what (Gipson) thinks."

Northwest plays Northeastern State at 5:30 p.m. tonight and Emporia State Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Both games will be played at Bearcat Arena.



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Senior forward Alexis Boeh dribbles past a Lincoln defender Dec. 5 in a 69-40 win.

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Junior running back James Franklin performs his song “Whole World” in a recording studio in Well’s Hall. Franklin is pursuing his music career as well as remaining one of the best rushers in the MIAA.

## Lil’ One answers questions about music, football

**CHRIS SCHOONOVER**  
Sports Editor | @schoon54

*Damn, I swear music and sports are so synonymous, cause we want to be them, and they want to be us.* Hip-hop artist Drake said in his 2010 track “Thank Me Now,” and throughout time that has been true.

Shaq, Kobe Bryant, Arian Foster and Metta World Peace have attempted rap careers on the side, while artists Master P, Lil’ Romeo, Common and The Game all consider themselves among the elite athletes in the music industry.

While most of these people should stick to what they are doing, Northwest running back James Franklin is experiencing success on both fields.

**Chris Schoonover:** First off, how did you get started in hip-hop and rapping?

**James Franklin:** I actually didn’t start in rapping. Of the bat, I actually started with poetry, which I did in middle school and elementary school. My teachers really liked it and said I was talented with that. So I started writing poetry, and I met a female named Teresa Carter. She’s my good friend and a cheerleader at the middle school I at-

tended and actually did poetry too. She had an uncle who had a recording studio, and we went over there one day, and he gave us a song, and we did it. That was our very first song, I believe in eighth grade. It’s kinda taken off from there.

**CS:** In eighth grade what do you write about? What could your poetry be about?

**JF:** (laughs) The poetry was about stuff I was going through in life: girls, drama, sports, obviously. If I was ever having a problem at home, I’d just go and write about stuff like that. It’s not really broad topics because there’s not much to write about, but you find something to write about.

**CS:** Everything has kicked off for you. You had a show on Saturday, and you’re on Dat Piff.<sup>2</sup> What made you want to take your music to the next level?

**JF:** Like I said, I started off in middle in school, and when I got to high school, it really took off, and everyone took an interest in it. I met up with a whole lot of people that liked doing it too. I was kind of that person that introduced everyone to it because I had the means to record. They were kind of looking up to me saying, ‘Hey, we re-

ally need to push this.’ Once I got to college is when I saw myself start improving and the music changing to where people started to listen to it, and people like it. When I got here and met Jordan Simmons and Willie Dyson and everybody liked it. That’s why our first mixtape had, I think, over 20,000 downloads<sup>3</sup> on Dat Piff. It was just more people liking the music, and me giving them what they wanted.

**CS:** I remember on the first mixtape there were some suggestive lyrics, you could say. How did the athletic department or coach Dorrel respond to it? Did they say ‘Hey, we need to watch what we are putting out there?’

**JF:** They really haven’t. I know they listen to songs because they have referenced them at practice and stuff, so they know what’s going on. But as far as the lyrical content, they really haven’t told us anything as far as don’t say this or don’t say that. We know. We are responsible and smart enough to know what to say. At the same point, if one of our people decides to say something that reflects them, it’s going to reflect them, and hopefully, they are ready to take those consequences. It’s kind of at

our own risk thing.

**CS:** Football and music in general go hand-in-hand. Have you ever been able to transfer one into another? Like feelings and emotions in football into music?

**JF:** Definitely. I put the same drive into football as I do my music and try to get myself out there in music and do everything I can. I put the same love and passion I have for both of them into each other. I know there is a couple of times when I have lyrics in my head when I’m on the sidelines. It’s just motivational type stuff. It keeps me focused to basically strive to do greater things. That’s what I’m basically here for. To do big things with school, music, football, whatever it is.

**CS:** What kind of music do you listen to before games to get yourself ready?

**JF:** Believe it or not, I actually listen to a lot of rock before the games, and I will have it blaring through my Beats so everyone can hear it. People will look at me like this is not you.

**CS:** Who are your musical influences, not just before games. Just people you listen to and want to model yourself after?

**JF:** At the beginning, the very first person I idolized was Bow Wow just because he was a young rapper when I began writing poetry. He was really young and did the “Like Mike” movie and everything. I just looked at him as an inspiration because if he is doing this and he’s about my same age, why can’t I? He was one of the first people I looked at. Then I took a lot from Lil’ Wayne growing up. I don’t really know about now...

1. Lil’ Romeo played high school basketball with DeMar DeRozan of the Toronto Raptors and played at USC for two seasons.
2. Dat Piff is a website that allows users to download free mixtapes from different artists.
3. Take ‘Em to School - One Nation

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## Bearcat men forced to deal with another injury

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After losing to Central Missouri 60-50 on Jan. 26, the Bearcats have to regroup for another tough MIAA game against Northeastern State.

It was Northwest’s fifth loss of the season and dropped them to third in the MIAA standings.

“What got us beat was missed shots, costly mistakes, middle drives late... just real simple stuff. Nothing they did,” head coach Ben McCollum said.

Not only did the ‘Cats lose the game last Saturday, they lost leading scorer and rebounder junior forward Dillon Starzl early in the contest, and his status for Saturday is unclear.

“I think the MRI is back, but I haven’t heard yet, and we will find out from that,” McCollum said.

“I’m sure it’s a ligament. I don’t

think it’s anything serious, and I think he will be back eventually; it’s just a matter of when.”

Sophomore forward Grant Cozad will fill in for Starzl at the starting role, and junior forward Kyle Schlake will be relied on more if Starzl cannot go.

“I think Cozad could probably step up scoring wise,” McCollum said. “Schlake, it’s not really what he does because he’s not really much of a post scorer. He’s more of a defensive rebounder and stuff like that. I think our guards are going to have to attack the paint a little bit more.”

Northeastern State (14-4, 7-3 MIAA) is second in the MIAA behind Central Missouri.

“They’re just a real solid team,” McCollum said. “They can play in the half court, pack it in defensively, and offensively, they have a

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Junior guard Bryston Williams looks over the top of the defender for an open teammate on Dec.1 against York College. The Bearcats won 80-69.

## College hoops at high point of regular season

**DALTON VITT**  
Online Editor



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